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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SITUATION IN SPAIN

DEPARTMENT OF STATE IM/IPS/GR/IR 9/10/91  
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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT WE SUGGEST BE OFFERED  
BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN NOON BRIEFING FEBRUARY 24  
QUOTE OVER THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE  
EVENTS IN SPAIN WITH GREAT INTEREST AND ATTENTION. WE  
NOTE THAT THE CHALLENGE TO SPANISH DEMOCRACY WAS LIMITED  
TO A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY  
OF THE ARMED FORCES REMAINED LOYAL TO THE KING AND TO THE  
CONSTITUTION. LIKE ALL FRIENDS OF SPAIN WE JOIN IN  
EXPRESSING OUR CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION  
OF THE CRISIS AND ON THE STRENGTH SHOWN BY THE INSTITUTIONS  
AND LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY'S NEW DEMOCRACY. THE ROLE AND  
LEADERSHIP OF KING JUAN CARLOS WERE CLEARLY INSTRUMENTAL  
IN ENDING THE CRISIS AND DESERVE PARTICULAR ADMIRATION.  
END QUOTE. TODMAN

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